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SUBJECT: BARBADIAN EXPORTS OF FOUNDATION GARMENTS

REF: BRIDGETOWN 791, BRIDGETOWN 585, STATE 40442

1. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT UNION OBJECTION SPECIFICALLY
REPEAT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO US IMPORTS OF BARBADIAN
BRASSIERES UNDER TARIFF ITEM 807. SUCH AN OBJECTION,
HOWEVER, WOULD NOT BE UNEXPECTED FROM INTERNATIONAL
LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION AS BARBADOS IS SEVENTH
LARGEST SUPPLIER TO US OF TEXTILE CATEGORY 649, MAN-MADE
FIBER BODY SUPPORTING GARMENTS, WHICH CONSISTS MOSTLY OF
BRASSIERES. WE HAVE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS COVERING
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THESE IMPORTS WITH FOUR OF SIX LARGEST SUPPLIERS
(PHILIPPINES, MEXICO, HONG KONG, AND HAITI) AND HAVE
DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH OTHER TWO (COSTA RICA AND DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC). MOREOVER, WHENEVER 807 ARISES, BRASSIERE
ISSUE IS CENTRAL; 90 PERCENT OF BRASSIERE IMPORTS ARE UNDER
807, AND BRASSIERE IMPORTS ARE HIGHEST VOLUME TEXTILE
ITEM IMPORTED UNDER 807. AFL-CIO IN FEBRUARY 21, 1978

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
REITERATED CALL FOR REPEAL OF ITEMS 806.30 AND 807.

2. WE ARE AIRPOUCHING TO YOU TWO COPIES OF JANUARY 1978
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION STUDY ON BODY SUPPORTING
GARMENTS. THIS STUDY IS VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF
INFORMATION RELATED TO COMPETITION IN THE UNITED STATES
BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRODUCED BRASSIERES. WE
SUGGEST YOU GIVE ONE COPY TO ATLANTIC MANUFACTURING CO.
GENERAL MANAGER AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT WE MONITOR
IMPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM COUNTRIES NOT COVERED BY
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS BARBADOS, SO AS TO IDENTIFY
SITUATIONS WHERE SUCH IMPORTS COULD CAUSE DISRUPTION IN
US MARKETS. PER REFTEL C, WHEN WE FEEL THERE MAY BE
POSSIBILITY OF THREAT OF SUCH DISRUPTION, WE USUALLY
DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH GOVERNMENT OF EXPORTING COUNTRY
AS PART OF PROCESS OF DETERMINING APPROPRIATE ACTION.
BARBADIAN CATEGORY 649 EXPORTS TO U.S. ARE CURRENTLY
ABOVE 300,000 DOZEN PER YEAR. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND
HAITI SHIP MORE THAN TWICE THAT AMOUNT; COSTA RICA AND
HONG KONG MORE THAN 1 MILLION DOZEN; MEXICO AND
PHILIPPINES MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOZEN. CHRISTOPHER

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